

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of

Helmut Hanert (P. Harborth et al.) Confirmation No. 4209  
Serial No. 10/551,332 Group Art Unit (not assigned)  
Filed September 29, 2005 Examiner (not assigned)  
For BIOFILTER SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PURIFYING GASES  
ESCAPING FROM A GULLY HOLE

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

PETITION FOR A ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME AND  
RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

Sir:

The undersigned hereby petitions for a one month extension of time to respond to the notification of missing requirements mailed November 3, 2006. If any additional extensions of time are required, provisional petition therefore is hereby made. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge attorney's deposit account for any fees required to grant this petition and to enter any of the documents attached hereto.

Attached to this paper are the following:

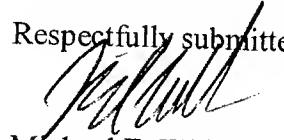
- 1) A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements
- 2) A fully executed declaration signed by the inventors of the claimed invention. The declaration is signed by Peter Harborth, Helmut Hannert, and Mathias Nieber, as each of these people are properly a joint inventor of the claimed invention.
- 3) A statement of lack of deceptive intent by omitted inventor signed by Peter Harborth. Peter Harborth should have been named on the PCT application as originally filed, and an error in not naming him was made without deceptive intent. The statement is supported by documentation which was filed in the German priority application.
- 4) A written consent document executed by Helmut Hannert, an originally named joint inventor of this application. This document established Peter Harborth as a

joint-inventor, and establishes that not including Pater Harborth was in error without deceptive intent.

5) A written consent document executed by Mathias Nieber, an originally named joint inventor of this application. This document established Pater Harborth as a joint-inventor, and establishes that not including Pater Harborth was in error without deceptive intent.

The documents submitted herewith satisfy the requirements of the notification of missing requirements, and make clear that Peter Harborth is a joint inventor of the claimed invention. Correction of the record to identify Peter Harborth as a joint inventor is requested. Should any fees be required for entering the documents under 37 C.F.R. 1.48(a), the commissioner is authorized to charge attorney's deposit account 50-2041 (Whitham, Curtis, Christofferson & Cook)

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